

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Choongseop Lee on 15 September 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

At line 37 of claim 1, "so as to define two separate and isolated spaces when the lower ends are blocked along the same plane" has been deleted.

At line 44 of claim 1, "the lower end which is blocked" has been changed to --the lower end of the cupping part--.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: regarding claims 1 and 6, while the prior art suggests a moxibustion device having a moxibustion part and a cupping part comprising lower ends, the prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest a moxibustion device as claimed by Applicant, wherein the lower end of

the moxibustion part and the lower end of the cupping part are aligned and disposed in the same plane.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHRISTINE D. HOPKINS whose telephone number is (571)272-9058. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor, II can be reached on (571) 272-4730. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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